

REMARKS

The specification has been amended to correct grammatical errors and to employ more idiomatic English.

The indicated allowability of claim 2 is noted, with thanks, and a new claim 9, corresponding to claim 2 rewritten in independent form has been added and scoped. However, in view of the foregoing amendments and following comments, it is believed that claims 1-8 also are allowable over the art.

Claim 1 has been amended to clarify the invention. No new matter has been entered by the foregoing amendments.

Turning to the rejection of claim 1 under 35 USC §103 as obvious over Applicants' Admitted Prior Art (APA) in view of Yamazaki (U.S. Patent No. 6,317,122), the Examiner's rejection is in error. Claim 1 requires that a plasma display includes at least two power circuits: an external power circuit, and "a power circuit into which an external alternating current is inputted." Applicants' APA does not teach this feature. As is shown in FIG. 1, only one power circuit is provided (FIG. 1). Furthermore, Yamazaki does not supply the missing teaching. Yamazaki teaches only a power circuit that is similar to that which would be used in FIG. 1 of the prior art (Abstract). Thus, no combination of Applicants' APA and Yamazaki could achieve or render obvious claim 1, nor any claims dependent therefrom.

Turning to the rejection of claims 3-8 under 35 USC §103 as obvious over Applicants' APA in view of Yamazaki in further view of Okada et al. (U.S. Patent No. 5,686,933), the deficiencies of Applicants' APA and Yamazaki are discussed above. Furthermore, Okada et al. does not supply the missing teachings to Applicants' APA and Yamazaki to render obvious

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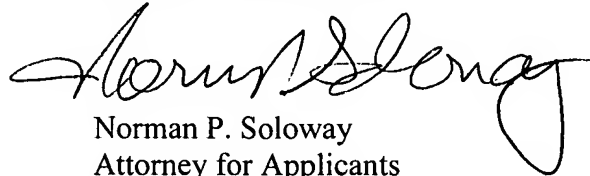
claim 3-8. Okada et al. teaches a drive circuit for a display apparatus (Abstract). However, the more basic teaching that a plasma display include at least two power circuits is missing. Thus, no combination of Applicants' APA, Yamazaki or Okada et al. can achieve or render obvious claims 3-8.

New claim 9 corresponds to original claim 2 rewritten in independent form. New claims 10-25 are based on original claims 3-8, and have been added to scope new claim 9.

Having dealt with all the objections raised by the Examiner, the Application is believed to be in order for allowance. Early and favorable action are respectfully requested.

In the event there are any fee deficiencies or additional fees are payable, please charge them (or credit any overpayment) to our Deposit Account Number 08-1391.

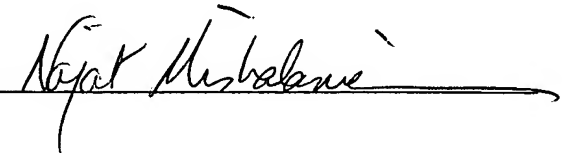
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